

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Air Power
Quote of the Week

"It is necessary –
and sufficient – to be in
command of the air."
– Giulio Douhet

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Laughlin struck by air attack

Compiled from staff reports

Laughlin assets and infrastructure sustained damage Sunday when the worst hail storm in many years hit the base.

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, said the damage is still being assessed and a clear estimate won't be available for many days.

"Our assessment of the damages is ongoing," he said. "Laughlin sustained moderate damage to the basewide infrastructure, to include building roofs, power lines and government vehicles. This damage is being identified, assessed and prioritized to enable repairs as time and money permit."

The positive outcome of this storm is that timely warnings were issued. Everyone took cover, which resulted in no reported injuries.

Most operational damage was inflicted on the T-37 aircraft, which are parked where the largest



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

This T-37 sustained wing damage while on the base flightline at the time of Sunday's storm. More than 80 T-37 aircraft sustained some hail damage, while more than 20 T-1 aircraft were damaged.

hail and most severe storm cell crossed the base.

"The impact on our training mission will be minimal," said Rosborg. "This is possible because

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(Courtesy photo)

Desert weather

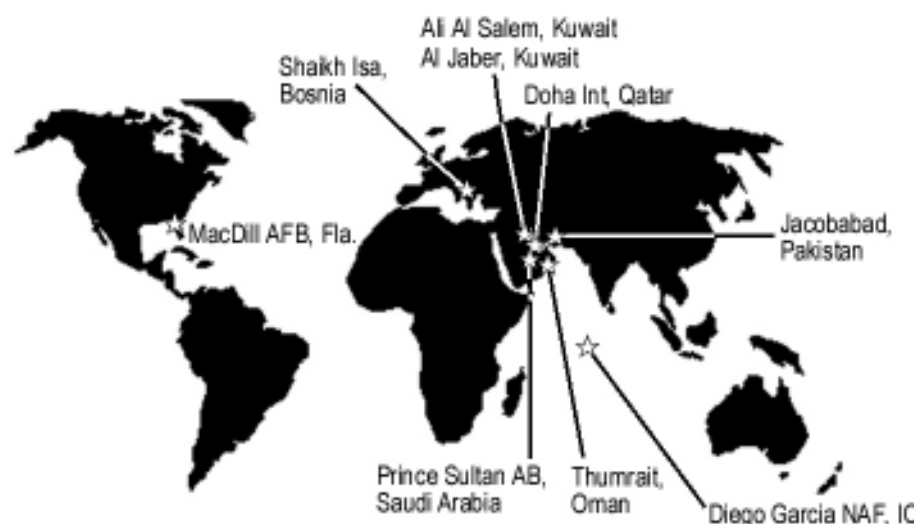
Senior Airman Debra Chaves, 47th Operations Support Squadron weather forecaster, judges the wind speed at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia. Chaves is one of 30 base people currently deployed around the world.

Where in the World

Laughlin Deployed

Not only is Laughlin "training the world's best pilots," but 30 Team XL members are also assisting in operations around the world.

Information provided by 47th Flying Training Wing logistics plans
Graphics by 2nd Lt. Jessica Miller



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Commanders' Corner

By **Lt. Col. Mike Joseph**
47th Medical Support Squadron Commander

What does being in service mean to you?

How many times have you heard an older retiree say, "When I was in the service we did such and such"?

Ever really sat back and contemplated why the word "service" is used and not the statement "when I was on active duty or in the Air Force."

I believe the reason is that their focus wasn't on a career or a job in the military; their focus was on serving their nation and fellow citizens. To me, this most likely came from our nation's earlier focus on citizen soldiers awaiting the call to arms rather than a standing army. When called, these citizen soldiers abandoned everything to ensure the liberties handed down to them by our forefathers.

My father, a school district administrator, taught service to one's

neighbor to me at an early age, not so much in words, but in actions. He gave freely of his time to all who were in need. I recall one episode when we got a call a few hours after school had let out; it was a boy who had left his books in his locker at the school. Rather than ignore this child's plea for help as irresponsibility, my dad's reaction was to drive to the school and open the doors.

When our local community had its first Maple Festival, the small village mushroomed from 2,000 inhabitants to 50,000 plus over two days. Mud and dirt were dragged throughout the first floor of the main school building, which needed to be clean for the coming week's school. And who was manning a broom late into the night? – My father. I saw this

and more as I was growing up, and it impressed upon me that no matter what your position in life, the greatest gift you can give to your fellow man is of yourself.

Today, while I am proud to be in the service and in a helping profession (health administration), my wife and children are continuing to teach me service. They have endured the moves from state to state and country to country. They have made a home without me while I was on extended temporary duty assignment or deployed to Turkey or Croatia. And they stand ready to sacrifice again should the need arise.

Please take the time to reflect on who taught you service, who's teaching you now and the reason you're in the service.

Top Three Talk

By **Master Sgt. Mark Bowersox**
47th Medical Group first sergeant



First Sergeant Creed applicable to all

When I made the decision to become a first sergeant, it was because a mentor, a chief master sergeant, reinforced my self-image of being a caring person. However, first sergeants aren't the only ones who should be caring in our Air Force.

I'd like to invite you to read the First Sergeant Creed, and then I'll elaborate on ways we, as Air Force airmen, can care for our own.

I Am a First Sergeant

My job is people – Every one is my business. I dedicate my time and energy to their needs; their health, morale, discipline and welfare. I grow in strength by strengthening my people. My job is done in faith; my people build my faith. The Air Force

is my life; I share it with my people. I believe in the Air Force goal – "We take care of our own."

The first two lines are a bitefull, every one is my business, and in order for me to be successful I need to dedicate my time and energy to my people's success. Here is where I feel the crux of our retention problem falls in the Air Force.

If every team member were motivated to assure the success of a teammate, we would have no retention issues today in the Air Force. If people practiced service [my people] before self [me], we would need to start paying people to get out. Be a servant to your people. A great prophet gave a perfect example of

servitude when he washed the feet of his disciples. Help could be constructively providing feedback, listening to someone who needs to talk, encouraging off-duty education, submitting a team member for an award or just thanking a co-worker for a job well done.

The second two lines emphasize how people are our strength and that we grow in strength by strengthening our people. We, as leaders, should be developing our people to fill our shoes through training and mentoring. Make it your mission in life to develop two or three people to take your place when you leave. Nothing

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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Teacher sends pupil on 'road less traveled'

By Lt. Col. Darren Durkee

Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

93rd Operations Support Squadron Commander

One of my elementary teachers, Mrs. Lovell, made a huge impact on my life. She was the kind of teacher who taught us so much more than the three Rs. She taught us about life.

I remember one day when she showed us slides of her family vacation in Hawaii. Some showed the USS Arizona Memorial with its rusty turrets peering from the sea, the oil floating on the surface and the great structure arched over the ship's remains.

While showing slides of the names of the fallen sailors etched on the memorial wall, she shared with us the story of those wicked few hours at Pearl Harbor, and she wept. That moment in that small classroom is burned into my memory.

It was the first time I realized what it really meant to love your country, to be an American. And it was the first time I witnessed the pain that comes from an attack on the heart of America, something I hoped our nation would never experience again. But that was not to be.

Mrs. Lovell read us poetry from many of the great American poets. One of my favorites was

Robert Frost, and his poem "The Road Not Taken:"

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler, long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear;..."

Those of you who wear the uniform, you have made a choice. You have made a choice to sacrifice for your nation. You have made a choice to defend freedom and liberty. You have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies. Sometimes the other road may look tempting, but you have chosen the path that was "grassy and wanted wear."

What you are doing will have a lasting impact on the lives of generations to follow, as did the actions of the many patriots who have gone before us. You have made a choice, and what you do in uniform each and every day, home or deployed, really does matter.

As Robert Frost said, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

'Creed,' from page 2

is more frustrating than to enter a section and be told that since the person you need to deal with is on leave, no one can help you until he or she returns.

Don't keep knowledge close to you. Share knowledge and strengthen the ability of your unit to meet a customer's needs, regardless of whether or not you are present.

You undermine the ability of the team as a whole if you fail to train your co-workers and strengthen them. If you're the only one who knows your job, then you need to care enough to develop your backups now instead of waiting until two

weeks prior to your leaving the unit.

The last two lines acknowledge that the Air Force is my life; I share it with my people and affirm belief in the Air Force Goal – "We take care of our own." My job is people – everyone is my business. If you truthfully do not believe the Air Force is your life, it shows in ways such as undermining morale in the section by discouraging the Air Force as a career choice.

Every day, each one of us should share a reason why we believe the Air Force is a great way of life and exemplify "We take care of our own" to every team member we come in con-

tact with. I truly believe that if every member of Team XL dealt with one another from this premise, we could achieve so much more. We could knock the socks off any team that ever comes to inspect us and achieve our mission so much more efficiently.

Outstanding inspections are not the end-all-be-all; the true measure of outstanding leadership and mentoring is having people who still want to be a part of Team XL, enjoy reporting to work each day and play together just as well as we work together.

You don't have to be a diamond wearer to espouse these beliefs, just a well-rounded airman.

Community Update

Transportation from school to Laughlin

Dr. Joseph Guzman Lopez, Del Rio schools superintendent, authorized the transporting of students to the Laughlin Youth Center who at-

tend Ruben Chavira Elementary School but do not reside at Laughlin Air Force Base. This will be done on a trial basis and will be reviewed next year.

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.

Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

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Airmanship

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What is administrative control?

Administrative control is the authority and responsibility of a commander to tend to the personal and professional welfare of the forces assigned to him or her. This normally means being responsible for logistic support, readiness and training, and personnel management issues including discipline and budgeting.



Photo by Jim Teet

Lt. Col. Mike Joseph, 47th Medical Support Squadron Commander, chats with Dora Alcalá, Del Rio mayor, at the Honorary Commanders Program reception Monday at Club XL.

Civic leaders pair up with commanders

By 2nd Lt. Jessica Miller

Public affairs

Col. Eric J. Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, launched a new Honorary Commanders Program with a Monday reception at Club XL.

The Honorary Commanders Program pairs 21 commanders and division chiefs with Del Rio civic leaders in an effort to build relationships with the local community and increase knowledge about military units at Laughlin.

"We already have a strong relationship with the community," Rosborg said. "We want to increase the ties between the units and the commu-

nity and educate the civic leaders about specific unit missions here at Laughlin."

Upcoming functions will unite the base leaders and their counterparts to learn about the operations, support and medical groups. Each event is designed to help the honorary commanders get better acquainted with Laughlin major organizations and how they contribute to the overall base mission "to train the world's best pilots."

"I encourage unit commanders to include their honorary commanders in as many unit activities as possible throughout the next year," Rosborg said. "It's wonderful to see us strengthening relations with the community at a more personal level."

'Storm,' from page 1

of assistance from other SUPT bases, which have loaned us some T-37s, and by scheduling training with minimum turnarounds between aircraft."

The size and fury of the storm impressed many people here – even members of the 47th Operations Support Squadron weather flight.

"I've been here 9 1/2 years," said Staff Sgt. Kurt Rohl, 47th OSS weather forecaster. "It was

the worst [storm] I've ever seen."

According to Rohl, many of the hail stones recorded from the storm ranged from pea size to nearly the size of softballs.

Early estimates indicate that more than 100 Laughlin jets suffered some damage, while more than 100 government-owned vehicles were damaged as well.

(See page 10 for storm and damage photos).

Newsline

Arbor Day celebration set

Laughlin will dedicate a tree for Arbor Day at 9 a.m. today at the base fairgrounds picnic area near the FamCamp.

For details, call Malia Cox at 298-4729.

Parent University meets

The family advocacy program and Helping Us Grow Stronger committee are holding a Parent University from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the health and wellness center to educate parents on child and family health and wellness.

Classes on child discipline, infant/toddler nutrition, successful relocation, pediatric self-screening and spirituality and rearing a child will be held.

For more information, call the life skills clinic at 298-6422.

Founder's Day dinner set

The United States Air Force Academy Association of Graduates Alamo Area Chapter will hold its annual Founder's Day Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Petroleum Club of San Antonio.

The guest speaker for the event will be Lt. Gen. J. D. Dallager, USAFA superintendent. All Academy grads are invited.

For details, call Jim Wheeler at 492-0859 or Les Hobgood at 599-3583.

Spouses club dinner set

The Officers' Spouses Club will hold a Silver Crystal Bingo dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Club XL. The dinner will be \$12 per person.

To R.S.V.P., call Jackie Oberdieck at 298-7201.

Relay for Life event set

Relay for Life begins at 6 p.m. April 19 at the Del Rio High School stadium. The Del Rio American Cancer Society invites all firemen, police protective services, active-duty personnel and reservists to participate and walk a lap in uniform. Closing ceremonies will take place at noon Saturday.

For more information, call the health and wellness center at 298-6464.

Social honors volunteers

An ice cream social will be held at 1:30 p.m. April 25 at the Fiesta Center to honor volunteers who served the Laughlin and local communities. The event is open to volunteers and their supervisors.

To R.S.V.P., call 298-5620 or send an e-mail by April 20 to Mitchel.Frazier@laughlin.af.mil.

Poor health, lost income, jail, discharge...Ecstasy?
Maybe they should change the name.

Company provides free tickets to Missions game

Compiled from staff reports

General Mills, Inc. is thanking military members for their service by sending them to three San Antonio Missions home games free of charge.

Through a sponsorship agreement with the Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Services, the company has purchased reserved seat tickets for games Wednesday vs. Midland, June 11 vs. Arkansas and Aug. 21 vs. Wichita.

The tickets will be distributed to military members and their families assigned to San Antonio installations and Goodfellow and Laughlin Air Force bases in Texas. Each installation will receive tickets for each of the games. Military organizations will participate in opening ceremonies, provide the color guard, perform the national anthem, and throw out the ceremonial first pitch to start each game.

The San Antonio Missions will also invite military youth baseball teams to shadow Missions players during the opening ceremonies each night.

"The tickets will be available at services locations on the Air Force bases," said John Franklin, AETC commercial sponsorship manager. All military installations will also give first sergeants tickets to distribute."

The San Antonio Missions are a Double A minor league baseball team in the Seattle Mariners organization that plays in the eight-team Texas league. Home games are played at Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium on Highway 90 in southwest San Antonio.

For information on getting tickets, call the youth center at 298-4363.



Samuel Benischek
47th Communications Squadron



Darrell Goff
47th Security Forces Squadron



Jeffrey Haislett
47th Operations Support Squadron



Christopher Harris
47th Medical Support Squadron



Jessica Summerlin
47th Security Forces Squadron
Leadership Award winner



Timothy Miller
47th Operations Support Squadron

Six graduate Airman Leadership School

Compiled from staff reports

Six Laughlin senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School class 02-3 March 28 at Randolph Air Force Base.

ALS is the first of three

professional military education programs enlisted people attend during their military careers.

The course prepares senior airmen for supervisory and leadership duties. ALS consists of 186 curriculum hours conducted over 24

academic days.

Students enrolled are senior airmen with at least four years in military service and one year of retainability in the Air Force.

Airmen must complete ALS prior to assuming the rank of staff sergeant.



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Air Force releases several specialties from Stop-Loss

By Master Sgt. Dorothy Goepel

Air Force Print News

Air Force officials announced Wednesday the release of several Air Force Specialty Codes from Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

The announcement comes as a result of an Air Force 60-day review and applies across the board to the active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces, according to Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, Pentagon promotion, evaluation and separation policy chief.

“Our exit plan calls for a gradual drawdown from Stop-Loss, which means we want to continue to release AFSCs with each review as long as we are able to maintain sufficient forces to meet mission requirements,” she said.

The officer career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions, effective May 1, are: 32E, 33S, 35P, 42F, 42G, 42N, 42P, 42S, 42T, 43P, 43Y, 44B, 44F, 44G, 44J, 44K, 44N, 44P, 44R, 44S, 44T, 44U, 45E, 45G, 45N, 45U, 47E, 47G, 47H, 47K, 47P, 47S, 51J, 61S, 62E, 63A and 64P.

The enlisted career fields released from stop-loss restrictions, effective May 1, are: 1T0X0, 2A1X0, 2A390, 2S0X2, 3C1X1, 3C1X2, 3E1X1, 3E3X1, 3E6X1, 3S1X0, 3S1X1, 3S2X0, 3S2X1, 3V000, 3V090, 3V0X1, 3V0X2, 3V0X3, 4A0X0, 4A0X1, 4B0XX, 4C0X0, 4C0X1, 4D0X0, 4D0X1, 4M0X0, 4M0X1, 4N1X1, 4P0X0, 4P0X1, 4R0X1, 4T0X0, 4T0X1, 4T0X2, 4T0X3, 4U0X0, 4U0X1, 4V0X0, 4V0X1, 4Y0X0, 4Y0X1, 4Y0X2, 5J0X0, 5J0X1, 6C0X0, 6C0X1, 8A100, 8C000, 8E000, 8G000, 8J000, 8P000, 8P100, 8R000, 8T000, 9A200, 9A300, 9C000 and 9G000.

During each cyclical review, Middleton explained, major commands, Air Staff and Secretariat functionals and officials at Air Force Personnel Center review all AFSCs for possible release.

Members who are deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, or related operations, and Reserve/Guard components who are voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty in support of these operations or related operations, will not be released until they return from deployment or are demobilized, officials said.

Officials emphasized that Stop-Loss is devised

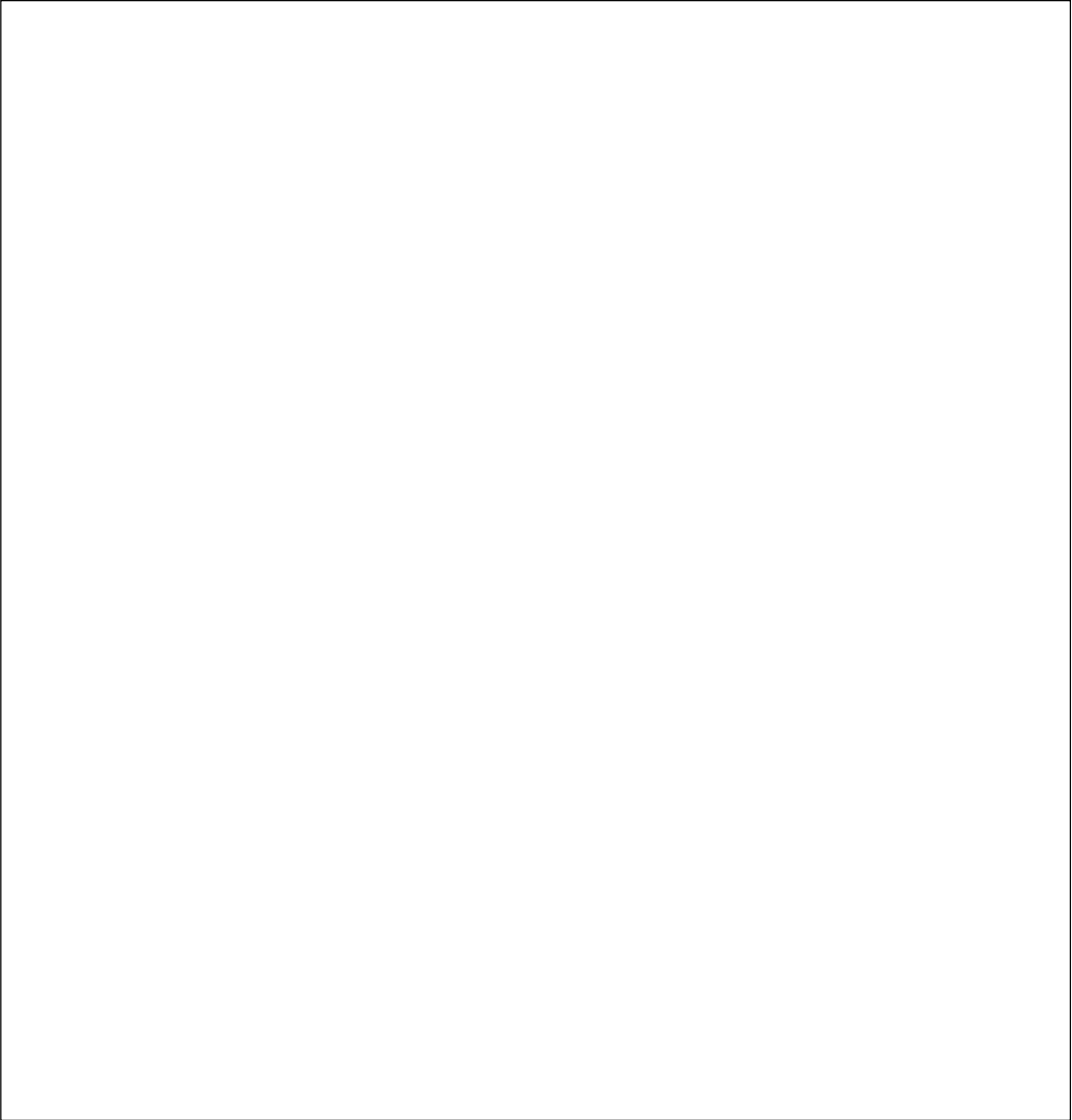
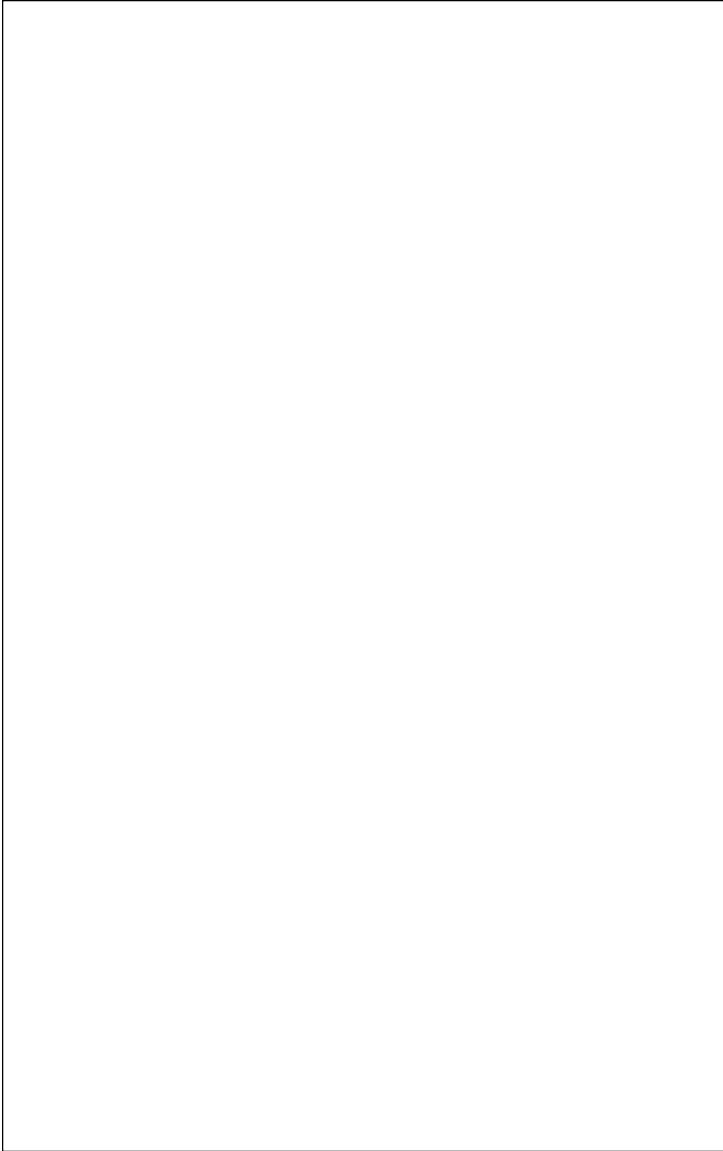
to meet all operational requirements in addition to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom. For instance, they point out, the Armed Forces will continue to conduct operations in Southwest Asia.

Some military members have the misperception that Stop-Loss is being used as a manning tool, Middleton said.

“Though it’s easy to make that assumption,” Middleton said, “it is absolutely not true. Manning is certainly one of the factors taken into consideration, but it is looked at in terms of what is needed to meet current mission requirements.”

Stop-Loss does not mean that service members are prohibited from retiring, being discharged or separating. A waiver of stop-loss status may be granted based on specific circumstances, officials said.

“We really want to do right by our service members,” Middleton said. “Many families had to put their plans on hold when Stop-Loss was implemented. We are grateful for their service and their sacrifices. We are trying to balance their needs with our commitment to operational requirements.”



Poor health, lost income, jail, discharge...**Ecstasy?** Maybe they should change the name.

Allergy medicine recalled

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Alpharma USP, Inc., are voluntarily recalling the AAFES Brand Nasal Allergy Symptom Controller Cromolyn Sodium Nasal Solution USP, because of failure to produce the lots according to the required manufacturing practices.

The affected lots and expiration dates are RC1136, Sept. 30, 2003; and RH1465; Dec. 31, 2003.

Customers should stop using the spray and check to see if it is from one of the affected lot codes. The lot number and expiration date are located on the bottom of the box or can be found on the side of the spray bottle.

Recalled products should be returned to the nearest AAFES retail store for a refund.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

If you know of or suspect Fraud Waste and Abuse, call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.

Training the **WORLD'S BEST PILOTS** *Instructor Pilot Focus*

Name: Capt. Amy Young

Squadron: 84th Flying Training Squadron

Pilot Training Base: Sheppard Air Force Base

Date of Graduation: Oct. 28, 1994

Aircraft you flew and base you were stationed before Laughlin? C-130E AWADS, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Mission of your primary aircraft? Tactical airlift

What is the most important thing you learned at pilot training besides learning to fly? Be forthright with people. In a predominantly male-dominated career field, squadron mates often worry about what they can or can't say in front of the opposite sex. Occasionally, we make poor choices. My peers know that I will tell them when I am offended, and we solve the problem at the lowest level.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? When the Lord closes a door, he usually opens a window. If you are unhappy with the prospect of a certain assignment, you don't realize its potential. There is really something good about every assignment. Find it, and enjoy it.



Laughlin Salutes

Top performers

Air Amistad 2002

- ♦ Norma Guzman, 47th Communications Squadron
- ♦ Maj. David Gillihan, 85th Flying Training Squadron

- ♦ Capt. Darrell Judy, 85th Flying Training Squadron
- ♦ Capt. Dawnita Parkinson, 47th Flying Training Wing public affairs

**Thinking about
getting out?
Think again!**

Call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis, 47th Flying Training Wing career assistance adviser, at 298-5456 for guidance.

Please recycle this newspaper.

Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass
Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
 ● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall
Thursday 6 p.m., Choir
Tuesday-Friday ● 12:05 p.m., Mass
 ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days of Obligation
Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment
Religious Education/Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish

Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim

Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship
Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., Women's Bible Study at chapel
 ● 6 p.m., Choir at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

The XLer

Hometown: Del Rio

Family: Son, Gus; daughter-in-law, Rocio; grandson, Michael; granddaughter, Rose Mary Guzman

Time at Laughlin: 9 months

Greatest accomplishment: Getting a college degree at the age of 63

Hobbies: Dancing, cooking and reading

Bad habit: Eating

Favorite film: Grease and West Side Story

Favorite musician:

Julio Iglesias

If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? Mr. Dugan, my professor at Southwest Texas Junior College. He has given me support, guidance and encouragement to pursue my education. As a professor, he cares for his students. He is always there for any individual who needs his help.



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Rosa Escobedo

Laughlin Red Cross volunteer

Interested in the Air Force?
Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.

...then the sky fell

By Senior Airman
Brad Pettit

Editor

When hail starts falling from the sky, people run for shelter. But while servicemembers are trained never to leave an American behind in combat, many of their prized possessions were left behind to face the wrath of Mother Nature alone.

And these possessions – automobiles, homes, gardens, jets, etc. – didn't fare well under the weight and velocity of nearly softball-size hail, which accompanied one of the worst storms to hit Laughlin in decades.

As the first week of

April drew to a close Sunday, a calm came over Laughlin. With no sound of aircraft or thunder, the air seemed dead and did not carry with it the scent of rain. But that soon changed when a violent hail storm descended, pelting government- and privately-owned vehicles, jets and infrastructure with a barrage of ice.

While it will take weeks to get a final estimate of base damages, more than 100 Laughlin jets suffered damage, and more than 100 government-owned vehicles were showered in broken glass and pockmarks.

Private property fared no better.



Photo by Rob Poteat

(Left) Hail crashes into the parking lot of the enlisted dormitories Sunday. Hail continued to pelt Laughlin for more than one hour.

(Below) Hail ranged from pea size to nearly the size of softballs. Shown here are three golf-ball size hail stones.

(Below left) Hail flows from one of the water drains at the 47th Mission Support Squadron building.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Andy Pitts



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit



Photo by 2nd Lt. Andy Pitts

(Above) A car rear window in the parking lot of the officer dormitories displays the force from the larger-size hail.

(Far right) A T-37 canopy was shattered into many pieces by the barrage of hail. Many aircraft canopies survived the storm, but several received pockmarks from the hail's brute force.

(Right) A Coleman fuel container from a truck bed bears the dents and dimples caused by the high-speed impact of hail.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Andy Pitts



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Sportslines

Aerobics classes now available

Beginning Monday, the XL Fitness Center will offer three more aerobics classics. These cardio kickboxing classes will be at 5:30 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Rick Horn at 298-5326.

Triathlon team positions available

All active-duty people who would like to compete for a position on the Air Force triathlon team should submit an Air Force Form 303 to the XL Fitness Center by Monday.

For details, call Tech. Sgt. Rick Horn at 298-5326.

Bowling standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Boeing	128-88	Services	112-104
OSS	127-89	CE	100-116
DeCA	120-96	Commtracting	86-130
FTW	114-102	SFS	77-139

Fitness center takes part in health of Laughlin people

Compiled from staff reports

The XL Fitness Center invites everyone to make fitness their personal mission.

During May, fitness centers worldwide encourage Air Force people to make fitness a regular part of their daily lives. Each base will conduct special events and programs during May, and a worldwide 5K Fitness Run is planned during Armed Forces Week.

"Known for years as May Fitness Month, the program has expanded this

year," said Tech Sgt. Rick Horn, XL Fitness Center noncommissioned officer in charge. "There will be more equipment and prizes, including all-inclusive trips for two to the Bahamas and Jamaica."

Individuals participating in the "Mission Fitness 2002" program, sponsored in part by Gatorade, SuperClubs and LifeFitness, will use stamp cards to accrue points. The more a person works out or participates in mission fitness activities, the chance of winning is better.

"Here at Laughlin, we're

working on special fitness events during May, such as the Fitness Day 5K Run/Walk, Fitness Day Aerobathon, Sports Day and the Iron Man/Woman Triathlon," said Senior Airman Roger Macias, XL Fitness Center fitness specialist.

Mission fitness events are designed for everyone, but individuals must be 18 years or older to win the grand prize.

For details, call the fitness center at 298-5251.

No federal endorsement of sponsors is intended.

Paintball field hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays only. Use of the paintball field is authorized only during these hours. For more information, call 298-5830.



Photo by Jesse Diaz

Let's play ball!

Col. John Betts, 47th Support Group Commander, speaks at the youth baseball opening ceremonies at the softball field by Ribas-Dominicci Circle April 5. Ten teams compose the youth baseball program at Laughlin. Games will be played Monday through Thursday until May 22. For game information, call the youth center at 298-5343.



Border Eagle Classifieds

MISC. ITEMS

Various items: 19" color TV, \$20; New Orleans Saints charcoal grill, \$20. Call 298-2037.

Various items: Truck cap, \$100, fits Dodge 3/4 shortbed; utility trailer, \$150; lawn mower, \$30; chain saw, \$30; patio roses in large pots, \$45 each. Call 298-0670.

Chain link fence: 75-100 feet, you remove, \$100. Call 298-0189.

Softball bat: Worth Quad Shell, like new, 34", 27 ounces, 1 year old, \$125. Call 298-9748 and leave a message.

Various items: Simmons baby crib, \$80; upright piano, \$75 obo. Call 298-7322.

Various items: Black entertainment center, excellent condition, \$40; toddler car seat, \$40 obo; HP computer, CPU only, \$50. Call 298-1395.

34' fifth wheel trailer: Westport with dual slide outs, one owner, solar ready, rear kitchen,

generator ready, full awning, \$22,500 obo. Call 778-9207.

Various items: Lawn mower, women's bike, make offer. Call 298-3105.

PETS

Great dane: Free to good home, 5-year-old male, fun and lovable. Call 298-1308.

Snakes: Two breeder red tail boas with large habitat, one king snake with habitat, all very friendly. Call 734-6197.

English bulldog: Male, pure bred, needs papers, 16 months old, all shots, large kennel included, moving, can't take dog, \$450. Call 734-9943.

VEHICLES

'92 Chevy Lumina: 4 door, 119k miles, PS, PB, AC, tilt, tint, alarm, \$2,800 obo. Call 298-2664.

'99 Dodge Neon: Loaded, cruise control, electric doors and windows, auto transmission, moon roof, tape deck, only

10,115 miles. Call 775-9693.

S-10 Blazer: PS, PB, PW, PDL, AC, CD, tow package, 4.3 L V6, \$1,800. Call 298-0510.

'64 Buick Wildcat convertible: Triple deuce carbs, 4.0 L, headers, AC, PS, PB, \$3,500. Call 298-0510.

'00 Saab 9-5: 2.3 liter turbo, still under warranty, fully loaded, 22k miles, \$29,000. Call 298-7849.

'01 Dodge Neon ES: Silver metallic/black interior, only 8k miles, 4 CD changer, automatic, take over payments. Call 734-9561.

LOST

Oakley sunglasses: Dropped in park by FamCamp, reward. Call 778-8606.

YARD SALE

8159B Farrow: Saturday from 7-11 a.m.

8076B Yarbrough: 8 a.m. until noon, multifamily moving sale, lots of stuff.

FREE Classified Ad Form

For one-time sale of personal property and pets by Laughlin employees and their family members. **Business ads are prohibited.** Home sales/rentals associated with a PCS move are authorized; however, owners must have the classified form signed by a member of the housing office staff prior to submission. Forms should be filled out completely, including a description of the item for sale (20 words or less), and dropped off at the Public Affairs office, Bldg. 338, or faxed to 298-5047. The deadline for submission is **4:30 p.m. Thursday**, one week prior to publication. **Ads will not be taken on the phone, through BITC mail or e-mail.** Ads will appear in the paper until they are rotated out due to new ads. If an ad rotates out before it is sold, a new ad must be submitted. Call the PA office at 5393 once your property has sold. For all other advertisement in the Border Eagle, call the Del Rio News Herald at 775-1551.

For Sale/Wanted (circle one and describe):

Housing office coordination:

Name

Home Phone

Duty Phone